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Local Fund Dispensary, Quilandy.

* 34 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation regarding the necessity of converting the Local Fund Dispensary at Quilandy in North Malabar, into a Government Hospital; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have any plan for converting all local fund hospitals into Government hospitals? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Machkund dam.

* 35 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the height of the Machkund dam has been reduced; and

(*b*) if so, by how much and what are the reasons for the reduction?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement* is laid on the table of the House."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, the paper laid on the table of the House says, 'In order to prevent undue silting at the generating dam, it is proposed to build that dam to a lower height than originally intended . . .'. May I know, Sir, whether the engineers when they investigated this project did not have any idea of the silt problem? Is there no other method of removing the silt than by lowering the dam? I want to know whether silt ventilators cannot be constructed and whether lowering the dam is the only alternative."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I do not know the technique. The engineers say that the only way to solve this silt problem is to lower the dam."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister is aware that by lowering the dam by 80 feet, the storage capacity, to provide water particularly in the lean months of the year, will be greatly affected? "

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The answer is given in the statement itself. The quantum of power that is generated will not be affected."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" My question has not been answered. By reducing the height, the storage capacity of the dam will be considerably affected. Is the Hon. Minister aware of this? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" But, Sir, what is the inference to be drawn from the question, I would like to know."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I will answer, Sir. If the Hon. Minister is aware of what is happening in Pykara dam for want of sufficient water, he will understand it. When the storage capacity is reduced, sometimes the generation of power is affected. That is why a dam of a greater height is provided. I am asking the Hon. Minister to go into the question and see whether it is not possible to provide silt ventilators or sluices and whether the reduction of the height of the dam is not merely a ruse to reduce the capacity of the Machkund Hydro electricity scheme."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The answer has been given in the statement itself, namely, that the quantum of power generated will not be affected."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Have the Government asked their engineers to find out alternative methods for preventing undue silting, and, if so, what are the results? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" There is no need to ask the engineer to investigate this question. When a difficulty presents itself, it will be examined by the engineer himself, and he will provide the necessary answer."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Was it the advice of a single engineer or was this discussed by a panel of engineers? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1952-53.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Who is going to speak first? "

(Sri R. V. Swaminathan was seen standing in his place.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" Sri R. V. Swaminathan will speak."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to speak on this budget as a victorious man of a victorious party under a victorious leader. Yesterday this House gave its verdict in favour of our party by 200 votes. By 200 votes we expressed our confidence in the Ministry. For the last four days, we have been listening to the various speeches made by members on the other side. We were sitting on this side exercising great self-restraint and